

Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Herbert G. Bonner, Chairman, House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; the Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Com-

missioner of Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House February 27, 1964.

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1964.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

Relating to tariffs on king crab products.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS the Government of the United States may reduce tariffs on king crab products both frozen and canned and make present tariffs the subject of international fishery negotiations; and

WHEREAS the Alaska king crab industry is a young industry of major importance to the economy of the new State of Alaska which has experienced phenomenal growth at the price of many men's lives, lost ships, and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on perfecting techniques; and

WHEREAS the Alaska king crab industry has stabilized the fishing industry for much of Alaska by counterbalancing the adverse economic impact caused by violent fluctuations in runs of salmon, and revitalized many Alaskan fishing communities which as recently as five years ago were dying; and

WHEREAS the Alaska king crab industry has faced consistently hard and expensive Japanese competition in the United States king crab market; and

WHEREAS the lowering of tariffs on king crab products will make possible reductions in prices of foreign king crab offerings that will invite swift death for the Alaska king crab industry; and

WHEREAS the crippling and death of the Alaska king crab industry will result in the loss of thousands of jobs and

millions of dollars invested in plants, ships, and gear, and in the undermining of the vital fishing economy of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS a critical threat to the life of the Alaska king crab industry is already being posed by the intrusion of Soviet and Japanese king crab fishing fleets into American fishing grounds off the shores of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Alaska king crab industry, in view of the serious obstacles to its existence, requires not less but if anything more protection;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska declares itself firmly opposed to the lowering of tariffs on king crab products both frozen and canned; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of the United States is urged neither to reduce tariffs on king crab products nor to make these tariffs the subject of bargaining in international fishery negotiations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the members of the United States Tariff Commission; the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the Alaska Fishermen's Union.

Passed by the House March 10, 1964.

Passed by the Senate March 25, 1964.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

Relating to the construction of a federal International Visitors Reception Center at the Anchorage International Airport.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS the Anchorage Inter-